

WDFW-820 (Rev. 10/2001)  
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Application for Commercial  
Fishery License for the Year \_\_\_\_\_**

☐ New License

☐ Renewal of an Existing License

☐ Waiver of Existing Salmon License

I will not be fishing for the current year indicated above.

Waiver Deadline: Salmon Troll, Salmon Delivery-May 1, each year,  
Salmon Gillnet, Salmon Purse Seine, Salmon Reef Net-3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in  
September, each year.

Initial \_\_\_\_\_

See Current Fee Sheet for License Type and Fee Amount

Department Use Only		
License Number	Card #	
License Type	Payment Receipt	
Resident		Non-Resident
WDFW Vessel Registration		
Buoy Brand No.		Harvester No.
Total Fee	Amount Received	

Type of License					License District (Check Only One)				
Gear	Species	<input type="checkbox"/> Delivery	Outside 3 Mile Limit	<input type="checkbox"/> Grays Harbor Col. River	<input type="checkbox"/> Puget Sound	<input type="checkbox"/> Willapa Harbor Col. River			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Vessel Delivery	salmon Outside 3 Mile Limit	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Puget Sound	<input type="checkbox"/> Other				

Designated Vessel Information							
Vessel Name				State or Document Number		Hull Identification Number (Required for State Registered Boats)	
Overall Length (ft)	Beam (ft)	Horsepower	Engine Type <input type="checkbox"/> GAS <input type="checkbox"/> DIESEL	Net Tonnage	Gross Tonnage	LORAN <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO RADAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO FATHOMETER <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	10 Inch Number

License Owner(s) ID#		
Last Name	First Name	Initial
Permanent Street Address		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Permanent Phone	Message Phone	
Social Security or UBI License Number (required)		
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been a resident of Washington for the previous 90 days and am not licensed as a resident in any other state. <input type="checkbox"/> I am not a resident of Washington State. <input type="checkbox"/> I am a member of a recognized treaty indian tribe _____.		
I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct. Providing false information may invalidate this license.		
(Signature of Owner)		(Date)
Signed at (Place) _____		

Vessel Owner(s) ID#		
Last Name	First Name	Initial
Mailing Address		Phone

Primary License Operator					
Last Name		First Name		Initial	Operator ID#
Birthdate (M/D/Y)	Sex	Hair	Eyes	Weight	Height
Social Security Number (required)					

* Alternate Operators * see back					
Last Name		First Name		Initial	Birthdate (M/D/Y)
					Operator ID#
Last Name		First Name		Initial	Birthdate (M/D/Y)
					Operator ID#

**Mail Applications Directly to:**  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
License Division  
600 Capitol Way N  
Olympia WA 98501-1091

Office Location:  
1111 Washington St. S.E. Olympia WA  
Phone Number: (360) 902-2464 \*TDD (360) 902-2207  
Fax (360) 902-2945

**Make fees payable to State Treasurer**  
**License will expire December 31st of Issuance Year**

**This is a public document. Please be advised that the information submitted may be shared with other government agencies.**

**See Regulations Governing Use of Gear and Areas**  
**See Current Price Listing for Appropriate Fee(s)**

Commercial license moratoria exist for these fisheries: Salmon, Dungeness Crab, Herring, Puget Sound Whiting, Sea Urchin, Sea Cucumber, Ocean Pink Shrimp, Shrimp Pot Puget Sound Fishery, and Shrimp Trawl Puget Sound Fishery

A "resident" is a person who for the preceding ninety days has maintained a permanent place of abode within the state with the intent to permanently reside within the state, and is not licensed to fish as a resident in another state.

The commercial gear license allows the fisher to sell catch to licensed wholesale dealers only. To sell to other than wholesale dealers, a fisher must be licensed as a wholesale dealer.

No salmon taken under a commercial license may be kept for personal use except as provided under WAC 220-20-016. No vessel may engage in both charter or sports fishing and commercial fishing on the same day.

\* Persons being designated as alternate operator must possess a current year alternate operator license. If the person designated has not applied for the current year alternate operator, an application for such a license must accompany this fishery gear license application.

Non resident corporations must possess a valid Washington State business license allowing them to do business in the State of Washington. Must enclose a current copy with application.

**Notification Clause**

This program receives Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The U.S. Department of the Interior and its bureaus prohibit discrimination on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability and sex (in educational programs). If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity or facility, please write to:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Office of External Programs  
4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 130  
Arlington, VA 22203

**Personal Information Provided to the Washington Department  
of Fish and Wildlife may be Disclosed Via a Public Records Request**

All the information you provide in this application becomes a public record that may be subject to inspection and copying by members of the public, unless an exemption in law exists. The Department's Policy regarding Privacy Protection and Public Disclosure Requests is available upon request.

## **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**OFFICE LOCATION**  
1111 Washington St. SE  
Olympia, WA  
(360) 902-2464

**COUNTER HOURS**  
Monday-Friday  
(excluding legal holidays)  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**MAILING ADDRESS**  
600 Capital Way N.  
Olympia, WA 98501-1091  
FAX (360) 902-2945

### **LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

Application for commercial fishery/specialized licenses must be completed in full including the type of license being applied for. Signatures of license owners are required. Incomplete applications will not be processed until all license criteria/qualifications are met. Applications submitted in the name of a corporation must provide a copy of those portions of the corporation papers that show the state seal, the corporation name, and a list of the current corporate officers. Only those individuals listed as corporate officers will have authority to sign for license renewals, or be designated as primary operator.

### **REGULATIONS AND SEASONS**

It is your responsibility as a member of the fishing/wildlife industry to know what regulations are applicable to that segment of the industry in which you are engaged. For information on regulations or seasons contact the Enforcement Division at (360) 902-2936.

### **SPECIALIZED LICENSE CARDS**

Specialized license cards must be in your possession while engaging in the activity for which the license is issued.

### **FISHERY LICENSE CARDS**

Fishery license cards must be carried on the designated vessel while fishing. All commercial/charter fishing vessels must have a designated operator present. A license for an alternate operator may be obtained upon receipt of application and fee. Only those operators designated on the commercial fishery license card may sell catch to a licensed wholesale dealer. Commercial fishery license cards must be presented to the wholesale dealer or fish buyer when you sell your product. All operators, including the primary operator, are required to possess an operator license. Alternate operators must complete an alternate operator application and return it along with the appropriate fee to the Department for processing. Primary operators will be issued a complimentary operator license when the fishery license is issued. Only the license owner may be designated as the primary operator. A primary operator card does not allow that person to be designated as an alternate operator on a license which they do not own, that person is required to purchase an alternate operator license.

### **Vessel Designation Decals**

If a vessel is designated on more than one fishery license, only one set of designated decals will be issued the vessel. Decals should be mounted on a CLEAN surface directly on each forward side of the vessel.

### **Sale of Product**

In order to sell your catch to any person other than a licensed wholesale dealer/fisher buyer, you must be licensed as a wholesale dealer yourself and complete the proper fish receiving ticket before offering your catch for sale.

### **Requirement of 10 Inch Numbers**

According to Washington Administrative Code 220-20-051, every vessel designated to participate in a commercial fishery or to deliver food fish and shellfish must have the official Coast Guard documentation number or complete state registration number permanently displayed in ten inch (10") tall numbers, or letters and numbers, of proportionate width, clearly visible from each side of the vessel. It is unlawful to participate in a commercial fishery or deliver food fish or shellfish without having such numbers displayed.

Examples:	Coast Guard Document Number	123 321
	State Registration Numbers	WN 000 XX

NOTE: This requirement does not apply to salmon guides, salmon charter, fishing guide (game fish), or non-transferable emergency salmon delivery licenses.

### **Evidence of Vessel Ownership**

Each commercially licensed fishing vessel must have a copy of its state vessel registration or Coast Guard documentation papers showing that the vessel is used for commercial fishing on file with this office. No initial license issuance or vessel designation change will be processed without current documentation. Please check the expiration date on the papers of the vessel designated on the license. The state registration or Coast Guard documentation papers' expiration date must be beyond the date you are applying for the change.

### **License Ownership Transfers**

Commercial fishing licenses are non-transferrable unless specified by Washington Law. Moratorium licenses vary in transfer rights. Call the License Division at (360) 902-2464 for assistance and transfer application.

### **Limited Entry Fishery Licenses**

The following licenses have qualifying criteria in accordance with moratoria legislation: salmon fishery, salmon charter, sea urchin dive, sea cucumber dive, Dungeness Crab - Puget Sound, Puget Sound whiting, herring, ocean pink shrimp, Dungeness Crab - Coastal, Puget Sound Shrimp Pot and Puget Sound Shrimp Trawl. Contact our license specialists for further information.